



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 25, 1999

### **H.R. 4**

#### **A bill to declare it to be the policy of the United States to deploy a national missile defense**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Armed Services on February 25, 1999*

H.R. 4 would state that it is U.S. policy to deploy a national missile defense. CBO estimates that the bill, by itself, would have no budgetary impact. Because it would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply. Any budgetary impact would stem from separate implementing legislation or from annual authorization and appropriation bills. How the costs of implementing the policy enunciated in H.R. 4 would compare with costs likely to be incurred under current law would depend on the systems and time frame required by subsequent legislation.

Section 4 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act excludes from the application of that act any legislative provisions that are necessary for national security. That exclusion might apply to the provisions of this bill. In any case, the bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates.

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